

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A shock-absorbing structure of a battery cover in combination with at least one battery, the combination comprising:

 a battery cover which protects the at least one battery; and

 a plurality of shock-absorbing ribs formed on an outer surface of the battery cover,

 wherein the plurality of shock-absorbing ribs are formed so as to be disposed at positions that are substantially symmetrical to positions of a plurality of externally-threaded electrodes of the at least one battery, with respect to a plane of the battery cover, when the battery cover is provided on the at least one battery, and

wherein the plurality of externally-threaded electrodes are not provided at the battery cover.

2-10. (canceled).

11. (previously presented) A shock-absorbing structure of a battery cover, comprising:

 a battery cover which protects at least one battery;

 at least one fixing member engaged with an electrode of the at least one battery; and

 at least one projection which is formed on an inner surface of the battery cover and can abut against the at least one fixing member,

wherein the projection extends towards the at least one fixing member, such that a bottom surface of the at least one projection opposes an upper surface of the at least one fixing member.

12. (original) A shock-absorbing structure according to claim 11, wherein the at least one projection has an annular shape to form a hollow portion therein, and a distal end portion of the electrode is received in the hollow portion of the at least one projection.

13-20. (canceled).

21. (previously presented) The shock-absorbing structure according to claim 1, wherein the battery cover is made of an insulative synthetic resin.

22. (previously presented) The shock-absorbing structure according to claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of shock-absorbing ribs extend in a direction perpendicular to the outer surface of the battery cover.

23. (currently amended) A shock-absorbing structure of a battery cover in combination with at least one battery, the combination comprising:

a battery cover which protects the at least one battery; and

a plurality of externally-threaded electrodes provided at the at least one battery; and

a plurality of shock-absorbing ribs formed on an outer surface of the battery cover,

wherein, when the battery cover is provided on the at least one battery, the plurality of shock-absorbing ribs are formed so as to be disposed at positions respectively opposed~~oppose to~~

~~positions of a~~ the plurality of externally-threaded electrodes of the at least one battery when the
~~battery cover is provided on the at least one battery, and~~
wherein the plurality of externally-threaded electrodes are not provided at the battery
cover.